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Dear Friends of Midwest Old Threshers,

Everyone at Midwest Old Threshers hopes that you are having a happy and prosperous new year. Winter weather patterns continue to be unpredictable at best across the nation. Despite the cold and blustery conditions outside, plans for the coming season are well under way in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

The 1988 Old Threshers Reunion is scheduled for September 1-5 and promises to be one of the best events in the nation. We are pleased to offer you as a member of the Association this latest copy of the *THRESHERS REVIEW*. The issue is filled with stories and information of the upcoming programming for the Reunion and developments in many of the areas of operation at Midwest Old Threshers. The booklet contains a handy order blank on page 13 so members can order advance Country Music tickets and early Association Memberships. Simply make your selections, fill out the order form and mail to Midwest Old Threshers. The rest of the *THRESHERS REVIEW* will remain intact so you can share it with friends or reread the information about your Association.

Midwest Old Threshers is pleased to announce that there will be no major changes in its pricing structure for 1988. Despite the ever-changing economic environment, the Association is able to offer its members quality entertainment and memberships at the same price as last year. The Old Threshers Reunion is truly a family event, and we are striving to make it affordable for everyone to attend.

This past year, Midwest Old Threshers was awarded the Iowa Tourism Event of the Year Award by Governor Terry Branstad. The award stressed the quality of the event and the strong volunteer support the Association receives from its members. This year, the Association has decided to focus on the volunteer involvement at Old Threshers and has designated 1988 as the "Year of the Volunteer." Without the dedicated volunteers, the Association could not provide the programs offered at Midwest Old Threshers.

As a member of the Old Threshers Association, you can help to make 1988 a banner year. Encourage your friends and neighbors to experience the Reunion or visit the museums. With your support and participation, Midwest Old Threshers will continue to be able to preserve our agricultural heritage in a modern world. See you September 1-5 at the 1988 Old Threshers Reunion in Mt. Pleasant!

COVER: Picture taken in 1902. Home of Enoc and Belle Anderson, Rural Route, Mt. Union, Iowa. Farm was bought in 1893. Son, Raymond, on the right was honored as an Old Thresher at the 1980 Reunion.

Lennis Moore
Administrator

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"Electricity Comes to the Farm"

New Museum Exhibit to be Constructed This Summer

Midwest Old Threshers will construct its third new interpretive exhibit in three years with the addition of "Electricity Comes to the Farm" at the 1988 Old Threshers Reunion (September 1-5). The exhibit will focus in the impact of electricity on the family farm on the early 20th century.

The exhibit will occupy about 900 square feet of floor space east of the existing barn exhibit in Museum Building B. The official opening for the exhibit is scheduled for August 2 and will coincide with the annual meeting of the Southeast Iowa Cooperative Electric Association, the major contributor to the electricity exhibit project.

"Electricity Comes to the Farm" was spawned from an idea by John Weyer, Sperry, Iowa. Weyer and his wife, Vera, are both long-time volunteers for the Association and will donate to Old Threshers all the necessary electrical artifacts to mount the exhibit.

The impact of self-generated electrical power will be one of the foci of the exhibit. Several power generators for domestic use will be in the display including three wind-powered generators, two Delco plants, one early generator powered by a gas engine, and a mock-up of a storage battery system. Along with this section will be a display area showing artifacts that impacted the life of the farm woman. Appliances will include lamps, irons, fans, mixers, vacuum sweepers, and other items. This area will also include advertisements from the period and the non-electrical devices replaced by their electrical counterparts.

Along with the self-generating equipment from the early part of the century, the exhibit will include early electrical tools and meters used by REC workers and electricians. Two standing utility poles will give the appearance of bringing cooperative power to the standing structure in the exhibit. The gable end of the structure will have a burning yard light to signify the coming of the rural electric cooperatives. Photomurals and graphics will plot the development of the member-owned cooperatives. The safe and affordable sources of electrical power will be stressed in the display.

The exhibit, "Electricity Comes to the Farm," promises to be a popular exhibit in that many people can vividly recall the coming of electricity to their farm. The exhibit will also have a brochure available to the visitors which will provide the opportunity to take home some of the information in the exhibit and enhance the educational impact of the exhibit. Major construction will begin in early spring following the final floor plan design for the project.

The exhibit project will be made possible through funding from the Southeast Iowa Cooperative Electric Association (\$5,000), Midwest Federal of Minneapolis (\$3,500), the Old Threshers Foundation (\$500), and several other individual donors. The donation of artifacts by John and Vera Weyer have a significant impact on the project, along with donations from Frederick Strong, Monmouth, Illinois; Alfred Williams, Columbus Junction, Iowa; and Virgil Coonrod, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Reunion visitors are encouraged to view the exhibit "Electricity Comes to the Farm" at the 1988 Old Threshers Reunion scheduled for September 1-5 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

SOUTHEAST IOWA ANTIQUE CAR CLUB WILL BE READY TO PARADE!

by Ben Taylor



"Try To Remember" the good times we had at the 1987 Old Threshers show here in Mt. Pleasant...well there's more coming in 1988.....so don't be late. Sept. 1-5.

The Southeast Iowa Antique Car Club members are already hard at work to improve their car displays and re-decorate parts of the backdrop specialties.

The P.A. system used last year for the first time proved to be quite satisfactory, and will, of course, be used again in 1988. This makes it much easier to direct traffic and make public announcements. The Antiquers will have several different old cars on display this year and running. The antique cars will be paraded daily in connection with the "Cavalcade of Power."

The Southeastern Iowa Antique Car Club is made up of a rather cosmopolitan group of "guys" and several "gals" — many of them enjoy a retired status — who have a common interest and love for old cars, and an urge to shine up the brass and chrome. There are well over 100 members and they come from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and several other states. Membership dues remain at \$10.00 and in order to display a car at the Old Threshers Show it must be a 1942 or older model.

Officers for the 1988 year are: President - Daniel Peterson, Mt. Pleasant; Vice President - Charles Sigafoose, Hayesville; Secretary - Gilbert Herrick, Oskaloosa; Treasurer - Joe Greenslaugh, Hamilton, IL.

The Board of Directors includes: Jim Fordice of Iowa City; John Daly of Burlington; Jim Reed of Blandinsville, IL; Dave Miner of Ft. Madison; Major Watkins of Yarmouth; Fred Buckert, Hamilton, IL; and Charles Sigafoose of Hayesville.

The general purpose of the car club is to preserve, restore and admire old antique cars. This takes on several different forms of expression and a great variety of vehicles.

The 1910 Sears Motor Buggy was the oldest car ever to have been named the "Featured Auto Award" at the 1987 show. It is owned by Daniel Peterson, who did an outstanding job of restoration on the old vehicle. The car has only 2 cylinders and generates 14 horse power.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Peterson are shown here standing beside their 1910 Sears Motor Buggy — which was the 1987 "Featured Car Award".

Old Threshers Foundation Annual Report

The Annual Meeting of the Old Threshers Foundation's Board of Directors was held on November 14, 1987. The board heard reports regarding the Foundation's activities during the past year, discussed the current structure of the endowment's investment procedures, and considered various plans for future projects.

The Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board of Directors by Dr. Robert Welander. The report covered the period from November 1, 1986, through October 31, 1987, and reflected the following information:

Balance on Hand (31 October 1986)	\$52,968.41
Donations Received	16,717.50
Interest Earnings Transfer to Old Threshers in support of the Water Exhibit (1987)	(900.00)
Interest Earned (Current Year)	<u>3,197.90</u>
Fund Total (31 October 1987)	\$71,983.81

Additional donations have continued to be received and the total fund level as of January, 1988, increased to \$75,123.20.

During the past year, 193 donations were received from individuals and organizations from twenty-two states and Canada. Included in that number was one \$5,000 donation, one \$2,000 donation, three \$1,000 donations, and four \$500 or more contributions.

During the November meeting, the Foundation Board received a proposal from Administrator Lennis Moore on behalf of Midwest Old Threshers. The proposal asked for 1988 funding of an interpretive exhibit entitled "Electricity Comes to the Farm." In view of the successful support by the Foundation in 1987 of the exhibit "WATER...Too Little, Too Much," the Foundation Board approved the allocation of \$3,000 of interest earned monies to support construction of the exhibit (see Page 1 for additional information). The Foundation Board extends an invitation to view the new exhibit at the 1988 Old Threshers Reunion and hopes that all Foundation supporters will take pride in what Foundation support has made possible at Midwest Old Threshers.

The Old Threshers Foundation appreciates your support and interest, and would ask for your comments, recommendations and suggestions to help make the Foundation more successful. Please feel free to discuss with any of the Foundation Board members concerns you might have regarding the Foundation. The Foundation is always interested in new and different ideas for fund raising or ideas for future Old Threshers Foundation projects. We value your interest and advice.

The Old Threshers Foundation Board members for the current year are:

Stephen Pacha, Birmingham, Iowa (President)
Barry Tuller, Newton, Iowa (Vice President)
Charles Wendel, Atkins, Iowa (Secretary)
Dr. Robert Welander, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa (Treasurer)
Virgil Coonrod, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
David Timmerman, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

The Old Threshers Foundation needs your continued support. As the Foundation's endowment fund continues to grow, so will the impact the Foundation can have on Midwest Old Threshers continue to increase. Your donations and support are essential to the on-going efforts of the Foundation and Midwest Old Threshers to preserve our agricultural heritage in a modern world. Please let us hear from you.

Foundation Major Donor List

All donations in any amount to the Old Threshers Foundation are truly appreciated. We would, however, like to take this opportunity to extend special recognition and appreciation to our major donors. They are listed on the Foundation Booth plaque as follows:

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Record Number of Steam Engines

Last year, the Old Threshers Reunion had a record number of full-sized and model engines exhibited at the event. Additional engines have been promised for this year's show which will make 1988 the largest gathering of traction engines in the history of the Association. The featured "Engine of the Year" is a Keck-Gonnerman owned by Roy Larson from Fairfield, Iowa.

The engineers have tried to increase the number of action demonstrations in their area and develop interesting offerings for the visitors at the Reunion. Popular demonstrations include the full-sized sawmill, Prony brake and Baker fan operations, antique tractor pull (which includes models, also), and the daily Cavalcade of Power held in front of the grandstand. Morning and afternoon threshing demonstrations always attract large numbers of interested visitors.

Located just south of the oval track and tractor display area, the steam traction engine area offers the visitors a chance to view the engines close up and chat with the operators. The engineers are always happy to share information and swap stories about the early threshing days. Safe operation is always the goal at the Reunion and many engines have young, interested individuals working alongside the engineers. These young people represent the future of the steam hobby and learn through "hands on" experience the safe operation of a steam traction engine.

Come and experience the sights, sounds and smells of the steam engine demonstrations. You are bound to take home nostalgic memories of a bygone era.

Exhibit to Feature Steam Powered Machine Shop

The first phase of installation for a major exhibit development will be completed in the stationary steam area by the 1988 Old Threshers Reunion. The exhibit will replicate the machine shop operated by Julius Wilkie in Winona, Minnesota during the early part of this century.

The exhibit is the result of a major donation from the Wilkie Brothers Foundation which includes several machine tools, a superstructure with line shafts, various automobile engines, and a 1920 Baby Overland car. All of the machine tools have been totally restored to their original condition and are powered by belts from a line shaft system. Major machine tools in the exhibit include: an F.E. Reed Lathe, a South Bend Lathe, a Brown and Sharp Horizontal Mill, a Gould and Eberhardt Shaper, a Buffalo Drill Press, a Fairbanks Drop Hammer, a Norton O.D. Grinder, and several smaller pieces of equipment.

The exhibit was designed for the Wilkie Foundation by Ed Plekkenpol and donated to the Association through contacts with Robert J. Wilkie, son of the late Julius Wilkie. When completed, the exhibit will be a working exhibit with trained machinists demonstrating the repair of automobile engines. The visitors will be able to view the machine shop through windows and illustrations and graphics will explain the various procedures being completed. Power for the exhibit will ultimately come from a relocated stationary steam engine.

The machine tool exhibit will be a permanent interpretive exhibit addition at Midwest Old Threshers and will serve as a way of demonstrating the design and use of machine tools and provide a program by which individuals can be trained in the operation of the machines. The lectures programing will continue in the stationary steam area where visitors can observe scheduled demonstrations of the operating engines. Lectures are scheduled all five days of the Old Threshers Reunion.

Wide Variety of Working Crafts at Reunion

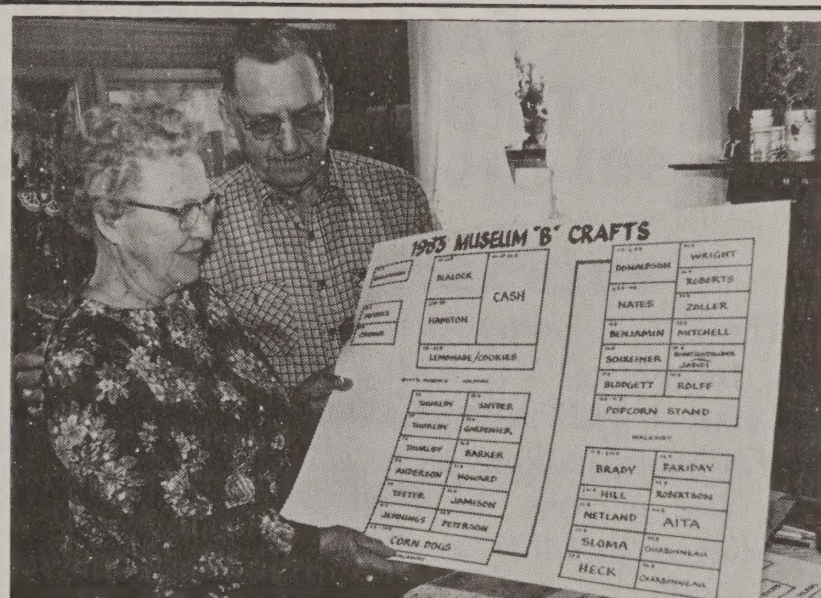
Working crafts at the Old Threshers Reunion have long been one of its' most popular attractions. The 39th annual Reunion will prove to be just as popular, with some new crafts, and, again, craftspeople coming from more than 15 states. These people journey to participate in what has become known as "Iowa's Largest Working Craft Show."

Between the "wrrrrr" of the spinning wheel and the carver's flying woodchips, these popular attractions at the Reunion are a pastime for some and a way of life for others. Emphasis is placed on the word "working" because these skilled crafts-

people spend many hours demonstrating to the visiting public the many processes of making their products. Each crafts-person, if questioned, will share some of their ideas and thoughts on how their particular product is made. Watching these creative and talented people is very educational. You may also purchase their crafts and bring home a lasting memento from the Old Threshers Reunion.

A wide variety of crafts may be seen at the Reunion. All crafts must be period crafts that were in evidence prior to 1934. The main working craft areas are housed in Museum Buildings A & B on the south side of the grounds and in the Ag building on the north side of the grounds.

Also among the working crafts are antiques for sale in the Antique Building on the north side of the grounds and underneath the grandstand. These areas provide many hours of browsing among the "hidden" treasures at the Reunion.



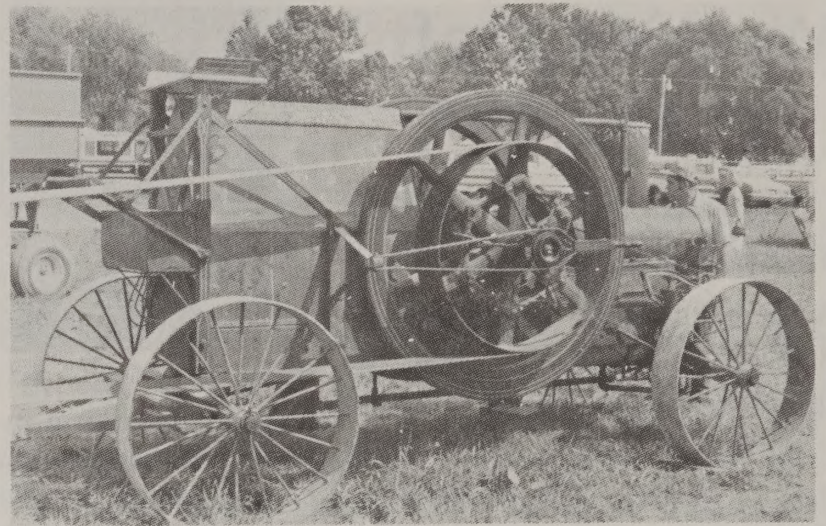
Clark and Gladys Burns, Mt. Pleasant, have worked diligently during the past 20 years to improve and expand the working crafts at the Old Threshers Reunion. Each year they look over many applications for new and different types of crafts. Along with their committee, they plan out spacing, set-up locations and work out the many details of running such a large show.



Lorene Meyer, Wayland, Iowa is shown "fixing up a batch" of lye soap. Lorene and her husband, Donald, have been making lye soap at the Reunion for over twenty years. They demonstrate daily the cooking and processing procedures of their cleansing product used "in the good 'ol days."

Fairbanks, Morse & Co. To Be Featured Gas Engine

The E. & T. Fairbanks Co. in St. Johnsbury, VT, had a small start in 1823 with Thaddeus Fairbanks making plows, stoves and wagons. In 1830 they started building a platform scale, and, as the business grew, more people were put on the workforce. Around 1850, a seventeen year old boy by the name of Charles Hosmer Morse found himself apprenticed to the E. & T. Fairbanks Co. as a clerk and helper.



This 20 Horsepower Fairbanks Morse Type N engine, owned by Lloyd Peterson of Mt. Pleasant, will be one of the featured gas engines at the 1988 Reunion.

The first office of Fairbanks, Morse & Co. was established in Cincinnati in 1865. Later, other branches were opened in Cleveland, Pittsburg, Indianapolis and Chicago; with a plant in Beloit, Wisconsin. Needing to spread out overhead, other side lines were added such as the Remington typewriter, the Eclipse windmills, and later the Fairbanks, Morse steel windmills.

The first vertical gas or gasoline engines left the Beloit, Wisconsin plant in 1895. These engines were built for the farm trade, and were used for woodsawing, pumping water, and many other tasks. The verticals were known as the "Jack-of-all-Trades" engines and were later referred to as Type T. The horizontal engines were called the Fairbanks, Morse Standard engines. The vertical and horizontal models built from 1899 to 1906 were equipped with both the hot-tube and electric ignition with size ranging from 2 to 75 horsepower.

From 1906 to 1914 several different types of engines were made such as N, T, NB, R, L, and H. The legendary Type Z engine was first offered in 1915, and as an indication of the success of the Type Z engines, by 1920 Fairbanks, Morse had built over 260,000 Type Z units. When production ended in the United States following WW II, over 900,000 engines had been made by Fairbanks, Morse. The "Eclipse" pumping engine in 1911 came in two sizes; the No. 1 and No. 2. They were built until 1922 and were small water pump engines.

In 1913, the semi-diesel engine went into production. It was called the Type Y and was very popular in municipal power plants. In fact, many are still in use today. Midwest Old Threshers has two examples of the Fairbanks, Morse Type Y Diesels on display in Museum A.

In 1988, the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion will feature engines made by Fairbanks, Morse & Co. There were 51 featured Witte engines at the 1987 show.

If you haven't been to an Old Thresher Reunion, or haven't been here for several years with your engines, maybe this is the year for you to attend. 1988 is the "Year of the Volunteer" and the year we would like to have over 1,000 gas engines exhibited. So come and have fun with your friends.

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 and Threshers Association, Inc.**

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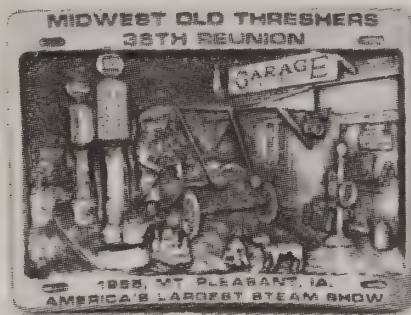
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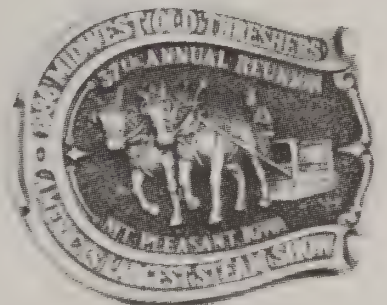
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Electric Trolleys Provide Nostalgic Trip



Visitors at the 1988 Old Threshers Reunion can take a nostalgic trip on the rails of the Midwest Electric Railway. Totally operated by volunteers for the Association, the electric trolley line provides shuttle service to the campground and Log Village, allows visitors to view the various camping units at the Reunion, and enables people to experience travel on an historic electric trolley.

The open bench trolleys provide a unique opportunity to ride on some of the earliest trolleys used after the turn-of-the-century. The two cars at Old Threshers were originally built and used in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil until 1965 when they were brought to the United States by the Association of Railway Museums. They were brought to Old Threshers in 1970, two years after the Association acquired the Number 9 Centerville car and the 320 Chicago, Aurora, and Elgin Interurban car. Both of these cars are classic examples of the development of electric transportation in America. Many Iowa visitors can remember when the No. 9 car operated on a line between, Mystic, Centerville, and Albia.

Many northern Iowa visitors recall riding the 381 Waterloo car. This car arrived at Old Threshers in 1973 and is significant in that it was the last streetcar to operate a regular service in Iowa. The car made regular runs between Waterloo and Cedar Falls from 1948 to 1958. Designed as a safety car, the 381 is still a modern car by today's standards.

The newest addition to the Midwest Electric Railway came in 1982 when the Old Threshers Association acquired the 4476 PCC streetcar from the Toronto Transit Commission. The PCC cars were the result of an intensive five year research program to design a modern streetcar. This type of car design is still in service in many North American cities and the 4476 is the first and only PCC car to operate thus far in the state of Iowa.

The volunteers of the Midwest Electric Railway are dedicated to the safe and efficient transportation of Reunion visitors. They take great pride in providing excellent service and an interesting transit experience at the annual Old Threshers Reunions. Don't miss the trolley operations at the 1988 Old Threshers Reunion. Trolley service will begin several days prior to the Reunion for the convenience of the campers at Old Threshers.

Membership In The Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Assoc. Inc.

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REMINDER! TO UPDATE OUR MAILING LIST YOU MUST FILL OUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON YOUR REGISTRATION CARD ANNUALLY.

The main source of income for Midwest Old Threshers is the sale of annual memberships. The Association can only remain a unique institution as long as it is supported by the people who purchase the \$6.00 memberships. When you purchase a membership, you not only make the annual Old Threshers Reunion possible but many other programs as well. Midwest Old Threshers sponsors a yearly school tour program, hosts a steam class and theatre seminar, constructs educational exhibits, and operates its museums during the summer months. All of the above are funded by the membership sales.

When the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion began 39 years ago, the founding fathers felt that it was important to maintain an environment free from the sale of alcoholic beverages, commercial exhibits, carnivals and midways. Today, Midwest Old Threshers continues to adhere to these goals and the support from the membership makes it possible to do so. This commitment, providing people with a fun, family oriented, educational experience is what makes Old Threshers a unique Association..."dedicated to preserving our agricultural heritage in a modern world."

YOUR 1988 \$6.00 MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- 1988 Membership Card
- Admission to the Annual Reunion
- Bi-Annual Threshers Review Magazine
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Friday, September 2

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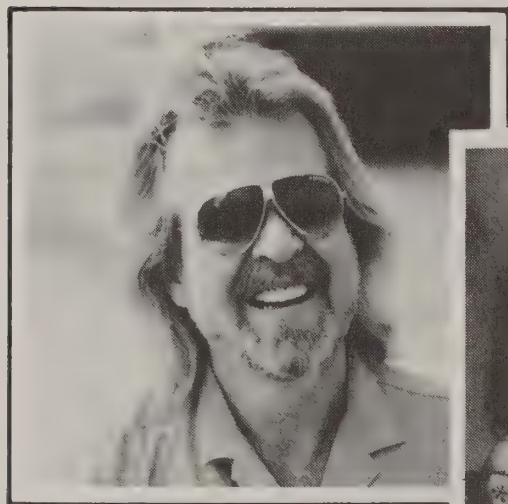
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MEL McDANIEL
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1988 GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday, August 31 (7:30 p.m.)

THE ARBUCKLES

The Arbuckles, from Shawnee, Oklahoma, are a popular and versatile group offering country and gospel music that appeals to all ages. The group has played every major bluegrass festival in Iowa and has traveled extensively throughout the United States.

LICK CREEK BOYS

The Lick Creek Boys are a country music quartet that sing in the style of the Statler Brothers, Oak Ridge Boys, and Alabama. They have performed at many fairs and celebrations in the tri-state area. These “home town” Iowans are sure to please the many early Reunion visitors at this special Wednesday concert.

Thursday, September 1

RICKY SKAGGS

Born in Cordell, Kentucky this 34 year old grew up among the music of his mother and father and started publicly performing at the age of three. After growing up with a musical family and playing with several bands as a mandolin, guitar, and fiddle player/vocalist, Skaggs moved to Nashville in 1980. Since then he has had numerous platinum and gold albums, has made several T.V. appearances, and has been inducted as a member in the Grand Ole Opry.

THE WHITES

Incorporating elements of the blues, bluegrass, country and western swing, The Whites reflect a strong American folk tradition with their rich harmonies. With roots deep in the pure country sound, the group has been nominated for both the prestigious Grammy Awards and Music City News Awards. In private life, lead singer Sharon White is married to Ricky Skaggs who produces this talented group.

Friday, September 2

LARRY GATLIN AND THE GATLIN BROTHERS

Influenced by the Statemans Quartet and the Blackwood Brothers, this talented trio, born in Texas and raised on gospel music, has one of the best harmonic sounds found in the entertainment business. Larry is an outstanding song writer and lyricist whose material has been recorded by giants such as Johnny Cash, Barbra Streisand, and Kris Kristofferson. After the group hit a low a few years ago with drug and alcohol abuse, they are now fully recovered and back on track to being one of the best and most sought after vocal groups performing today.

Saturday, September 3

MEL McDANIEL

Thanks to Mel McDaniel, fiddle players and country bands everywhere have at least two tunes they are always being asked to play, “Orange Blossom Special,” and Mel’s 1981 hit “Louisiana Saturday Night,” a country classic. His way with a song has always projected a comfort with the material he’s done. This no-nonsense solid journeyman is a gifted veteran singer who simply is interested in singing a good country song the way it was meant to be sung.

KATHY MATTEA

Since the release of last year’s **Walk the Way the Wind Blows**, Mattea has walked away with four Top 10 country singles, a Grammy nomination, multiple Country Music Association and Music City News award nominations, and has performed in front of nearly one million fans. As that album proved, Mattea is a powerful singer, capable of tackling everything from ballads to country rock to a Count Basie standard without betraying her country roots or losing her artistic identity. Her spectacular voice in her new album seals her arrival as a major talent in country music.

Sunday, September 4

MICKEY GILLEY

First gaining recognition in 1974 when he topped the country music charts with “Roomful of Roses,” Mickey has scored 12 additional number one records. Returning after a popular concert at the 1985 Old Threshers Reunion, he will again delight his audience with his distinctive vocal talents and spine-tingling dexterity on the piano. Co-founder of the famous gigantic honky-tonk, “Gilley’s” in Pasadena, Texas, Mickey will successfully continue his upward momentum in the entertainment business.

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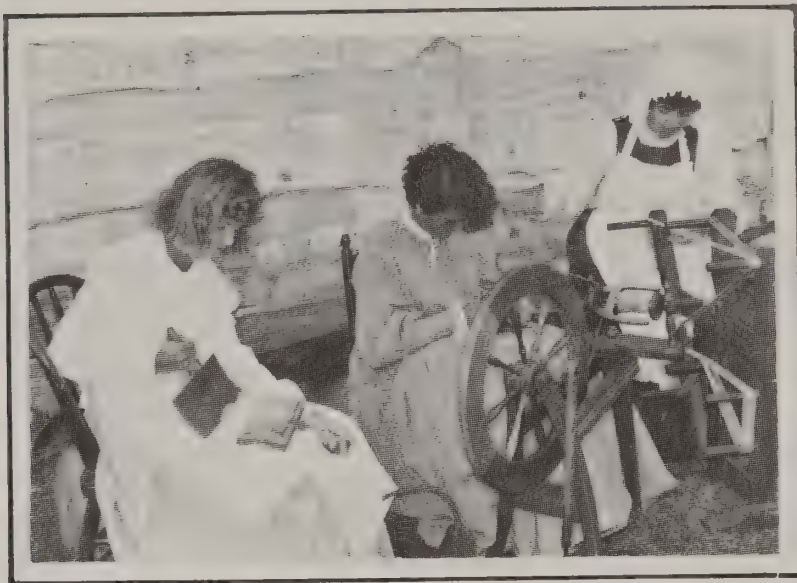
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Located at the south end of the campground, the Log Village has become one of the more popular highlights at the annual event. There you may step into the 1800's and spend a few relaxing hours enjoying the setting of

an early Iowa farming community.

During the Reunion, members of Explorer Post 1846 bring to life the activities of a time long past. Visit the Cassity House and Store, stop for a minute at the Kossuth Inn, smell the bread baking in the ovens and listen to the mixture of farm life sounds. Explore the Log Village Rendezvous Camp and visit with a buckskinner or watch Indian dancers. See blacksmithing, soap making, spinning and weaving, candle making, woodworking, and other various activities and events of early pioneer life.

Sponsored by Midwest Old Threshers, the national award-winning Explorer Post 1846 offers membership to young people between the ages of 14 and 21 and associate



membership to young people between 12 and 14. In 1987, the Post was host of the Governor's Youth Conference in Des Moines. In July of this year, the Post will journey to the National Exploring Conference in Boston, Massachusetts and present a program on the Log Village and the involvement of youth in historic interpretation. Explorer Post 1846 has had tremendous growth and numerous awards since its formation in 1983. Persons wishing additional information about the program should contact the office of the Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers Association.

Annual Theatre Seminar To Be Held April 8, 9, 10

The Third Annual Spring Theatre History Seminar will be hosted by Midwest Old Threshers and the National Society for the Preservation of Tent, Folk, and Repertoire Theatre April 8, 9, and 10 in the Theatre Museum on the Old Threshers grounds in Mt. Pleasant. The conference will bring together early-day troupers and scholars interested in this era of theatre. Brooks McNamara, Professor of the School of Arts at New York University, will be this year's seminar celebrity guest. Other seminar participants are expected to come from Michigan, California, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois, and Iowa.



Denise Dunnahoo, (right), a student from Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, confers closely with Curator Caroline Schaffner as she does work on her RSI (Responsible Social Involvement) project at the Theatre Museum of Repertoire Americana.

Tours of the museum will be available for those attending. Displayed in the museum are thousands of pictures, show heralds, advertising sheets, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, scripts and other memorabilia dating back to the beginning of tent repertoire theatre in the 1850's. Museum exhibits also include a display of famous costumes and publicity used by the Toby comedians. Instruments, sheet music, and band uniforms used by entertainers "between play acts" are also displayed. The opera house curtains and drops number more than thirty and can be seen on both floors of the museum. A video tape describing the curtains and drops is also available from the video library.

In the past two years, the video library at the Theatre Museum Research Centre has grown until there are presently 25 video tapes available at a cost of \$13.50 each, including shipping. Subjects covered include: "A Tour of the Theatre Museum" with Curator Caroline Schaffner; "Curtains and Stage Scenery" with Assistant Curator Joe Mauck; plus interviews with "old" troupers, panel discussions, and troupers' specialty acts.

Currently, a student from Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant, Denise Dunnahoo, is doing her college RSI (Responsible Social Involvement) project at the Theatre Museum. Her project includes the cataloging of programs, pictures, scripts, posters, scrapbooks, and other artifacts donated to the theatre museum. Assistant Curator Mauck said, "We hope that the theatre museum will provide an experience for students, particularly for theater majors who want to become more aware of our American theatrical heritage. We are trying to preserve this heritage that has been forgotten by many theater historians. Just recently, two college professors received their doctorate degrees and did research for their dissertations at the Theatre Museum of Repertoire Americana at Old Threshers."

Individuals interested in visiting the museum, doing research, obtaining a list of the video tapes available, or attending the Spring Seminar contact: Midwest Old Threshers, R. 1, Threshers Rd., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641. Tel: (319) 385-8937.

1988 — “THE YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER”

The volunteer story at Midwest Old Threshers is an incredible one — one that many other communities would be glad to emulate.

In the everyday activities of today's world, people are often highly involved in the crises and problems of society. Often they have not been allowed the opportunity to identify with something that is good or to promote a common cause in their community.

In the community of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, a cause has been developed that is known as the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion. Here, hundreds of volunteers are able to forget their everyday worries and throttle down to experience a unique atmosphere of yesteryear and help make it happen.

Old Threshers is much more than an annual festival held each year. The festival has grown to a hustle, bustle of year-round activities that has created a spirit of dedication to making something happen. Young and old work together — not to make profit, but to preserve a part of their heritage. Everywhere volunteers roll up their sleeves to the opportunity of having a sense of belonging and a time for fellowship and cooperation.

This past year, for example, more than 508 “Early Bird” recognition buttons were awarded to persons contributing ten or more hours volunteer time to Old Threshers. Still another 368 individuals were recognized with “30-Hour” awards for giving their time and talents to make the organization the best it can be.

For the size of the organization, a relatively small staff operates throughout the year. During special events, school tours, seminars, camping rallies, swap meets, and, of course, the annual fall Reunion, volunteers are an essential ingredient. Many of these programs simply would not be possible without the input of literally hundreds who come from the local area, as well as hundreds and even thousands of miles to be a part of the activities.

Year-round volunteers play a key role in the day-to-day operations of the Association. This varies from those who volunteer as many as 250 days each year to others who come as much as two weeks ahead of time and work in whatever assignments they are needed ahead of the Reunion. It is during the Reunion that the number of volunteers swells to hundreds.

Volunteerism continues to be one of the most important areas of the Midwest Old Threshers organization. It is rare indeed to find a place or organization where so many individuals offer themselves for a service of their own free will for the betterment of something they truly believe in. It has been said that most people “like to be a part of something good.”

Because Old Threshers values its volunteers, 1988 has been designated “THE YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER.”

“OLD THRESHER” AWARDS

At each Midwest Old Threshers Reunion, individuals are recognized with “Old Thresher” awards if they have been a part of our agricultural heritage. The common bond of these people is a direct relation to steam and threshing.

The Association invites anyone knowing of such a person or persons who are deserving of such recognition to submit the names and addresses to Midwest Old Threshers, Threshers Road, Route 1, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641 - Attn: Billie Turley. Such persons need not necessarily live in the southeast Iowa area. We will strive to include all the individuals who are recommended for this honor.

HORSE POWER IN ACTION

The Old Threshers Reunion has gained the reputation as an action event with demonstrations and activity happening in a multitude of places. The horse area exemplifies this reputation with a variety of demonstrations held each day of the annual Reunion.

Teams of massive draft horses can be seen threshing grain through a vintage Case Agitator separator. The horses are used to power the twelve horse power sweep which provides power through a drive shaft to the separator unit. Horse powered threshing can be viewed every morning and afternoon during the Old Threshers Reunion. Several teamsters also take their hitches to a nearby field where several different types of horsedrawn plows are demonstrated. In addition, horses provide power for baling straw, pressing cane, grinding corn, and parading



various historic units in front of the Grandstand during the daily Cavalcade of Power (held each Reunion day at Noon, weather permitting).

Action in the horse area is capped off with the annual Invitational Horse Pull scheduled for the final day of the Reunion (September 5 at 4:00 p.m.). This free grandstand show always attracts a large crowd and will mark the last event of the 1988 Old Threshers Reunion (September 1-5)

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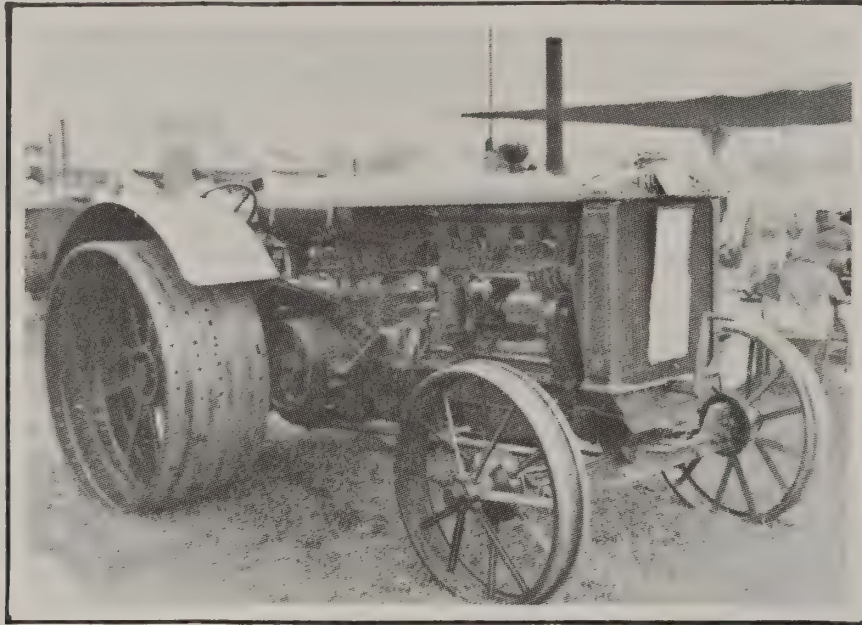
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Huber To Be Reunion Featured Tractor



The featured tractors at the 1988 Old Threshers Reunion will be those produced by the Huber Manufacturing Company in Marion, Ohio. The tractor chosen to represent those tractors is an HK Huber owned by Richard Bockwoldt from Dixon, Iowa. This model first appeared in 1927 and was designated as the "HK" after the 1929 Nebraska Plowing Test.

Richard "Dick" Bockwoldt and his wife, Dorothy, have been antique tractor collectors for many years. In addition to the featured tractor, Dick plans to have several other Huber tractors at the 1988 Reunion. The restoration and final excellent condition of his tractor are an indication of most of the antique tractors exhibited at the Old Threshers Reunion. A tractor must be a 1939 unstyled or older tractor to be. It is preferred that all tractors be restored and in operating condition.

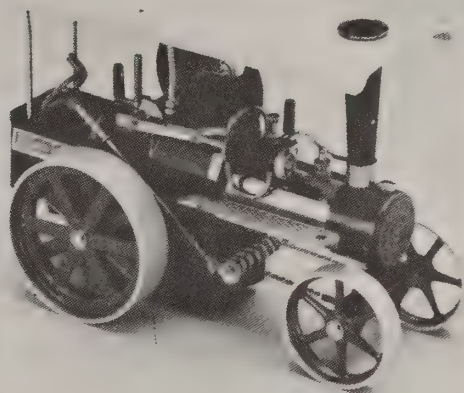
The tractor area is one of the fastest growing exhibit areas at the event. The tractor area volunteers conduct two antique tractor pulls which are held on Friday and Saturday mornings of the Reunion. In addition to the tractors, steam traction engines and model engines also pull for the entertainment of the grandstand audience. The exhibitors in the tractor area also cooperate with the traction steam exhibitors and share in the operation of the veneer mill and several other demonstrations in both areas. The daily Cavalcade of Power includes a tremendous opportunity to see the development of the American gas tractors as they parade in front of the grandstand.

The tractor area is a popular gathering spot for extended family groups at the Reunion. There are always plenty of stories about what it used to be like when the tractors were the main source of power on the family farm. As a person listens to the stories, one realizes the importance of the Reunion as it provides a chance for people to discuss the agricultural heritage that Midwest Old Threshers strives to preserve. Proud tractor owners are always happy to share stories about the finding, repair, restoration or search for parts on their tractor.

Plans call for a repeat of the record number of exhibited tractors at the 1987 Reunion which exceeded 300 individual tractors. Tractor exhibitors also plan to be more involved with the threshing demonstrations and to continue with the daily straw baling demonstrations. The gas tractor area continues the tradition of an action show in Mt. Pleasant. Come and experience the power source that established the family farm.

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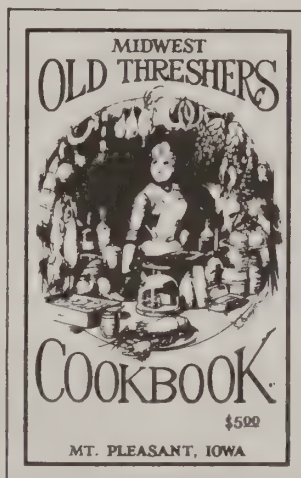
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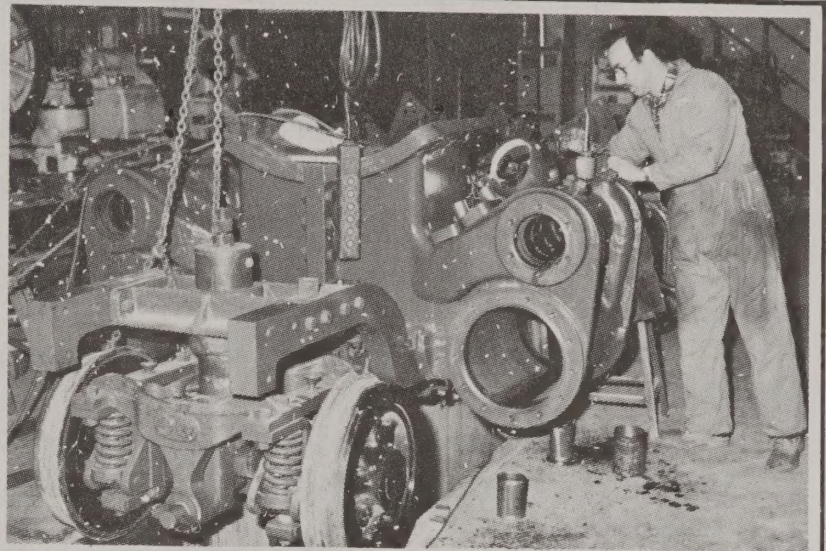
by Stan Mathews

Six years ago, a group of interested people financed the purchase of "Engine 12", a 2-6-2 Prairie type, 65 ton steam locomotive. Built in 1928, originally for the Kahului Railroad on Maui, Hawaii, the Baldwin engine operated on that island for many years. It was then purchased and finally moved to New Mexico where it was destined to run on a scenic railway. The engine sat in New Mexico until it was purchased by "Engine 12" Corporation in 1982 and brought to Mt. Pleasant. Restoration once again was started, but slowed down when it was determined that it would be better to install a new boiler, which was not affordable at the time.

As funds became available from the Midwest Central Railroad to purchase the engine, it was decided that since the overhaul on the "6" was almost complete, it would be feasible to begin work on Engine No. 12. But, as sometimes happens, fate intervened and the corporation received a phone call from a very new and well-funded tourist operation just starting in Idaho. Because they needed a heavy engine, and a 35 ton engine is almost impossible to find, negotiations resulted in the sale of No. 12. The Idaho operation bought it as is and hired the Midwest Central to complete the restoration. A new boiler was built in Colorado and a new cab was built in Idaho and both were delivered to the Midwest Central in March for final assembly and testing.

Yes, the Midwest Central will miss the "12". It was always thought of as its' largest and newest rod engine, with truly classic lines and one of the finest examples of narrow-gauge steam power in existence. It is pleasing to know, however, that it is going to a place that will give it a good home where thousands of people will see it work the year round!

The Midwest Central Railroad can always use volunteers and visitors are welcome anytime. The MCRR shop is located just across the road from the Old Threshers office and museums and also contains a gift shop with numerous items of railroad interest. For more information write or call: Midwest Central Railroad, Box 102, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641, (319) 385-2912. We look forward to seeing you either before or during the 1988 Midwest Old Threshers Reunion. Come ride the Midwest Central!



Ben Shaw, Spokane, Washington, is shown installing the back cylinder heads on steam locomotive engine No. 12. Shaw, along with Todd Silk, also from Spokane, worked in Mt. Pleasant at the Midwest Central Railroad shops for several weeks helping to restore the 65 ton 2-6-2 Baldwin engine. With the arrival of its new boiler in March, the locomotive neared completion of its long and detailed restoration. The engine is being prepared for its ultimate journey to Henley Operations in Athol, Idaho where it will be operated in a museum/tourist center beginning in June. The Midwest Central Railroad workshop has one of the best facilities for steam locomotive restoration in the United States. (Photo by Jim Adams)

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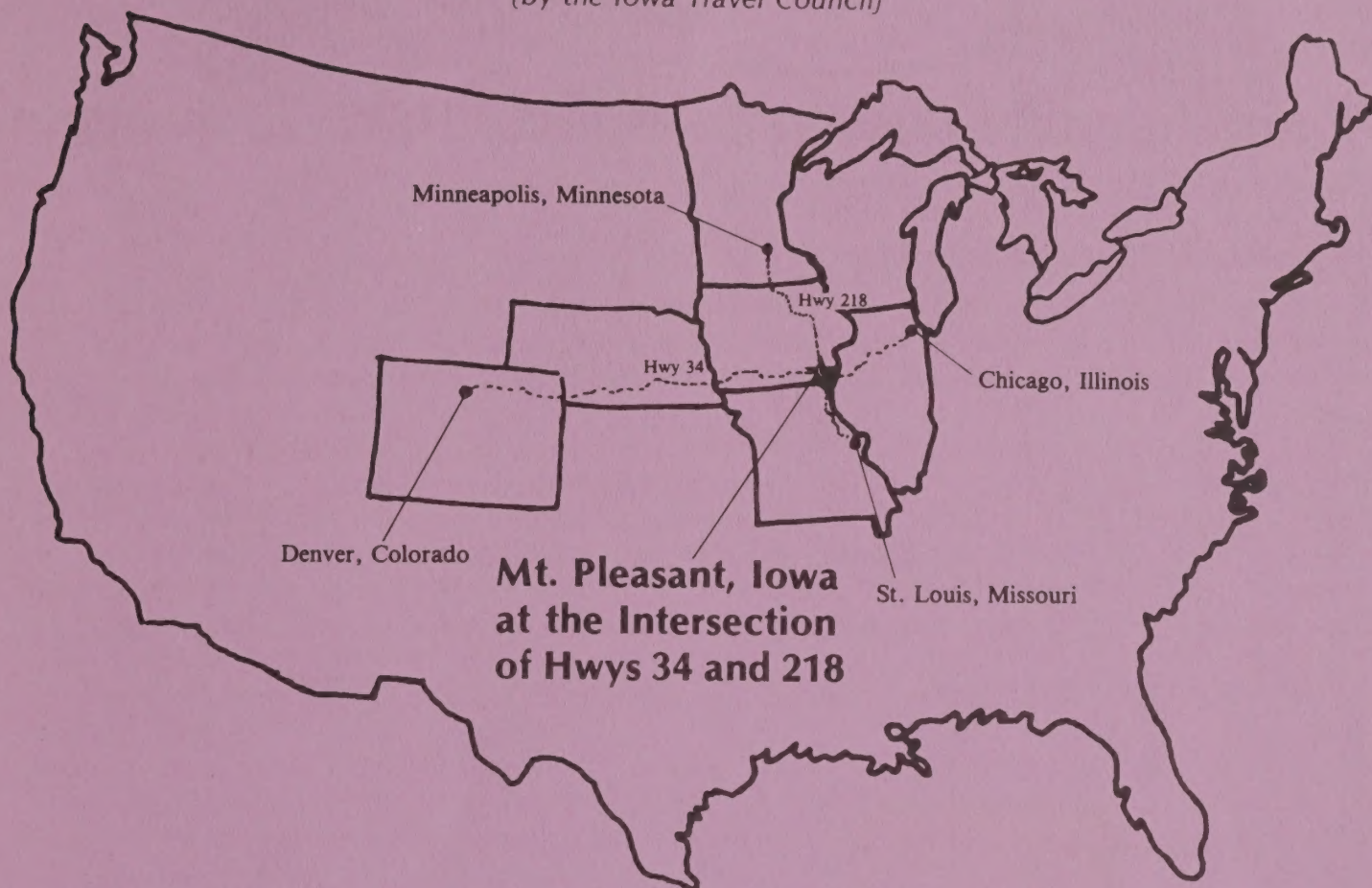
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